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REMARKS

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1. On some days, between 22 and 30 April 1954, there was intensive air activity by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s at Wittstock airfield. Eighteen to 20 swept-back jet fighters were observed at the field.<sup>1</sup> On 29 April, a large forest-fire was observed in the vicinity of the field. Around 1200 on 30 April, 300 to 350 men fell in in front of the hangars, around a MiG-15. Possibly, a funeral parade was held in connection with a flight accident which had possibly caused the forest-fire on the preceding day.<sup>2</sup> Truck and jeep were observed entering and leaving the field.<sup>3</sup> 25X1
2. Air activity observed between 22 April and 4 June included high-altitude flights and attacks at towed sleeve targets. Toward the end of May, firing at ground targets was observed for the first time. The attacks were made with tracer ammunition on an undetermined target at the field. Night flights were repeatedly made by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
3. The Token-type radar set which had been observed on Scharfenberg for some time during April was no longer seen there at the end of April. Since that date, a Token-type set has again been observed on Rockstaedterberg in the southeastern corner of the field. There, the radio trucks which had formerly been parked near the set, had disappeared. During April and the first half of May, a Fishnet-type set, a Kniferest-type set, and 2 radio masts of various types were located on a small hill in the southwestern corner of the field. Since late May, however, the former two sets have no longer been seen there. One of the two radio masts had a rectangular grid net with 2 projecting rods, similar to a Fishnet-type set, on top and the other mast was a lattice mast. During April and May, a Kniferest-type set and a Fishnet-type set were located in the southern section of the quartering area. On 28 May, the Kniferest-type set was replaced by another set, possibly a Dumto-type set. Three motor vehicles with vase-like superstructures were observed in the quartering area. One of the vehicles, definitely a radio truck, had a round device in the shape of a searchlight on its roof. The device rotated during air activity.<sup>4</sup> 25X1

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4. Construction work in the building of the Red Mill Inn continued. The large hall was being divided into about 10 rooms, each 3 x 4 meters, located on both sides of a corridor. Two rooms each were connected. Tassins and electric wiring material, but no billeting equipment had arrived by early May. The building was not occupied by early June.<sup>5</sup>

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6. Between 24 April and 11 June, there was air activity at the field including individual flights in formations of twos and fours. Only occasionally did MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s fire at towed sleeve targets. Toward the end of May, firing at ground targets at the field was started. The MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s dived from an altitude of 1,500 to 2,000 meters at an estimated angle of 40 degrees and, at an altitude of about 500 meters and gave several bursts of fire with automatic weapons. They pulled out of their dive at an altitude of between 100 and 200 meters and then slowly climbed again. Such approach flights without firing of aircraft weapons were observed between 2000 and 2040 on 3 June. Toward the end of the period of observation, when the possibilities of observation were limited, an increased number of aircraft towing sleeve targets were observed aloft. The aircraft possibly towed targets for antiaircraft defense weapons.<sup>1</sup>

7. On 26 May, a broom-shaped antenna was observed projecting from an attic window of the last house in Berlinchen, south of Berlinchen-Dranse road. Next to the house was a van-like truck with a vertical rod antenna on top of the rear third of the superstructure. A PKV-45 DF station was located about 300 meters southeast of Berlinchen and about 100 meters north of the road to Dranse. It was connected with the aforementioned house by a cable and a line consisting of 4 insulating wires.<sup>4</sup>

8. Air activity during the first half of May included individual and formation flights. At 0930 on 5 May, 16 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s took off at short intervals and remained aloft for about 25 minutes. During the first half of June, firing practices at towed sleeve targets and ground targets were mostly observed.

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9. A Token-type radar set which had been observed on Scharfenberg prior to mid-April has been located on Rookstaedterberg in the southeastern corner of the field since mid-April. On 13 June, the arrangement of the radio installations near Berlinchen was changed.

10. On 5 May, a Token-type radar set was observed in the southeastern corner of the field. Some motor vehicles were parked nearby. Truck  occupied by air force officers, moved toward the radar station.<sup>4</sup>

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11. About 1030 a.m. on 11 May, about 16 MiG-15s were stationed at the field. Between 1030 and 1300, one MiG-15 took off; the aircraft was not seen landing at the field up to 1300.<sup>1</sup>
12. The AA gun emplacement in the western section of the field was still occupied by 37-mm AA guns. About 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were engaged in excavation work west of Wittstock-Altdaber road, where an AA gun emplacement was apparently under construction.<sup>6</sup>
13. In early May, several radar sets and radio masts were observed on the hill in the southwestern corner of the field. One set was similar to a Fishnet-type set, but with a convex superstructure. Near this set was a Kniferest-type set and a cornered mast, 12 to 15 meters high, apparently a trellis mast of individual component parts. On top of the mast was a device consisting of rods and mesh wire, which could not be definitely identified. In the yard of the building located in the road fork southwest of Berlinchen was a radio truck with a braced radio mast, about 10 meters high, at the rear wall. A PKV-45 DF station was located about 60 meters from the aforementioned building.<sup>4</sup>
14. On 22 May, 15 MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were counted at the field. Several jet engines were being raced up.<sup>1</sup> Some 37-mm AA guns were observed in the AA gun emplacement in the southwestern section of the field. One gun of the same type was hauled to the emplacement and parked there.<sup>6</sup>
15. A Token-type radar set was located on a small hill in the southeastern corner of the field. It was in operation between 1100 and 1135 when individual jet aircraft flew over the field emerging vapor trails. A Kniferest-type set and another radar set, similar to a Fishnet-type set but with a convex reflector, were located in the area of the field. The formerly observed Kniferest-type set and Fishnet-type sets were no longer seen on the hill in the southwestern corner of the field. There, an undetermined set consisting of a trellis mast with dipoles on top was located. Radio truck [ ] with a rod antenna, about 6 meters high, was parked in the yard of a building in the road fork southeast of Berlinchen.<sup>4</sup>

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1. [ ] Comment. The fighter regiment at Wittstock airfield is still engaged in large-scale air training activity. All of the aircraft [ ] belong to Wittstock airfield, except for [ ] previously been observed in Neuruppin. 25X1
2. [ ] Comment. This is the first information on a flight accident near Wittstock airfield. 25X1
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- [ ] other motor vehicles have previously been observed in Wittstock, some of them several times. 25X1
4. [ ] Comment. The present report indicates that the Token-type radar set is again located on Rockstaedter Mountain. The following radar sets have previously been believed to be located in Wittstock: 25X1
- a. 1 Kniferest-type set, 1 Fishnet-type set and 2 sets of an undetermined type in the southwestern corner of the field. One of the latter two sets was similar to a Fishnet-type set. [ ] sketches of this set. See Annex 1 and Annex 2 respectively. 25X1

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b. 1 Kniferest-type set and 1 Fishnet-type set near the southernmost quartering buildings.

c. 1 Dumbo-type set south of the repair hangar near the southwestern section of the taxiway.

All of the sets apparently change their locations repeatedly. It is believed that either a major fighter control headquarters is assigned to the fighter corps headquarters at Wittstock airfield or training courses for radar personnel are being held there. The radio truck with a device similar to a searchlight possibly is a SCR-584 Whiff-type set. This set is reported for the first time from Wittstock airfield. The outer low frequency approach beacon is located near Berlinchen.

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5. Comment. The Red Mill Inn which had formerly been occupied by a signal unit is probably converted to apartments for Soviet dependents.

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6. Comment. Two AA batteries of 37-mm AA guns are believed to be located at Wittstock airfield.

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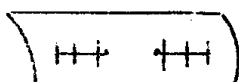
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Annex 1

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Radio Masts Observed at Wittstock Airfield

radio mast with convex  
superstructure



trellis mast



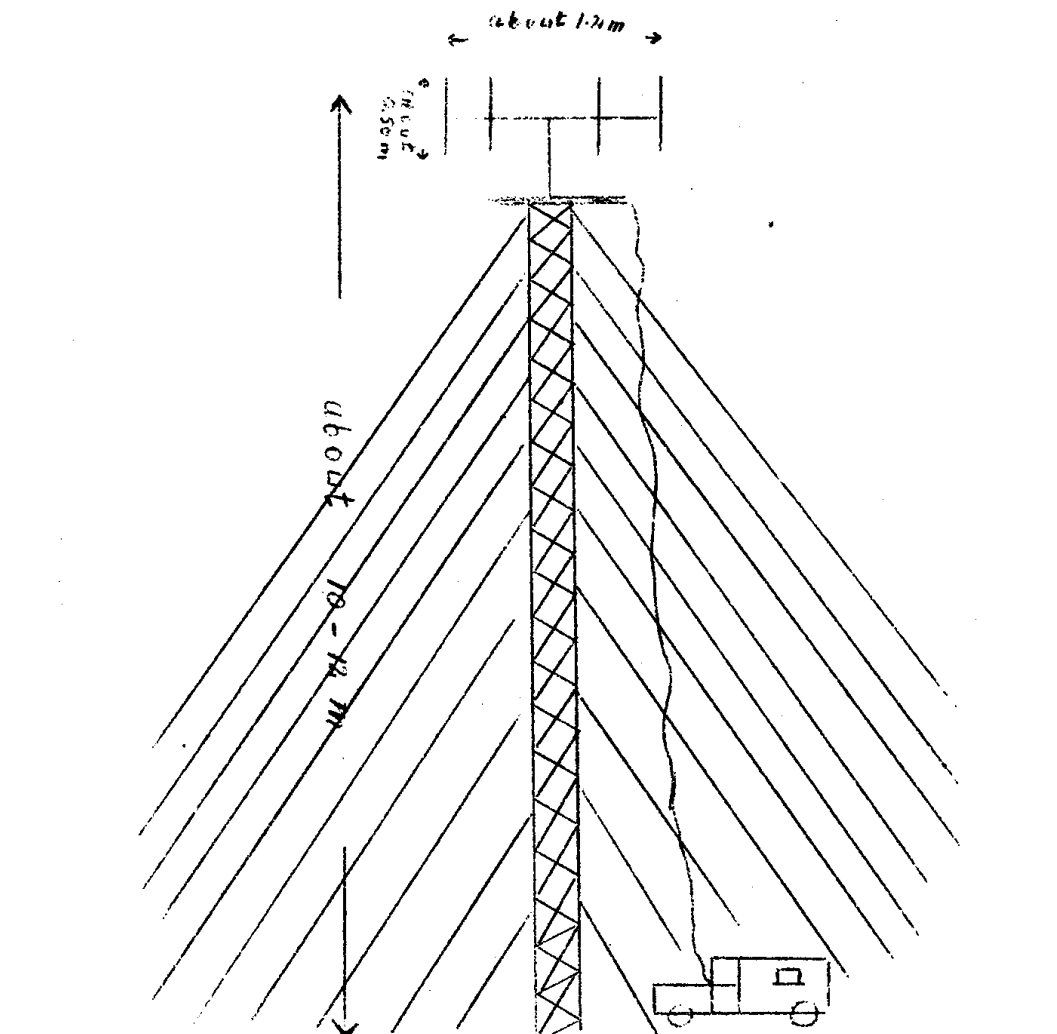
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Trellis Mast with Dipoles on Top  
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